



A Place Called Home: Michigan's Mill Creek Story by Janie Lynn Panagopoulos and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — During the American Revolution, the Campbell family builds a lumber mill at the Straits of Mackinac. – ER

The Voyageur's Paddle by Kathy-jo Wargin and David Geister — Voyageur Edouard travels to Grand Portage by canoe, trading furs from native villages for goods. – ER

****Winter's Tale: An Original Pop-up Journey*** by Robert Sabuda — The magic and majesty of a Michigan winter is brilliantly captured in this artistic pop-up book. – PB

Age Range Recommendations:

- PB** – Picture book for ages 0-4
- ER** – Early reader for ages 5-8
- MG** – Middle grade for ages 9-12

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Explore Michigan's natural wonders, legends and folklore, and centuries of history and culture with your children as they experience the joy of reading with this selection of Michigan-related children's books.

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the Great Lakes, explore
Native American legends
and experience the Underground Railroad
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The Christmas Tree Ship: the Story of Captain Santa by Rochelle M. Pennington — Every year the 'Christmas Tree Ship' would bring a load of fresh Christmas trees from Michigan to Chicago. But in 1912, the fully loaded ship sank. — ER

The Day the Great Lakes Drained Away by Charles Ferguson Barker — Explore what would happen if all of the water drained from the Great Lakes and what their lake floors might look like. — ER/MG

The Edmund Fitzgerald: Song of the Bell by Kathy-Jo Wargin and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — The story of sinking of the giant transport ship, the Edmund Fitzgerald, while crossing Lake Superior in a raging storm in November, 1975. — ER

****Elijah of Buxton*** by Christopher Paul Curtis — Elijah, a young African-American boy born free in Canada, travels to Detroit in search of a thief. Much more happens to him and he is forever changed by his encounters with the dark reality of slavery. — MG

For the Love of the Tigers: An A-to-Z Primer for Tigers Fans of All Ages by Frederick C. Klein and Mark Anderson — A memorable collection of the Tigers through the years and from the field, dugout and announcing booth. — ER/MG

Friend on Freedom River by Gloria Whelan and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — On a cold December night, Louis must decide whether to brave the treacherous Detroit River to take a slave family to freedom. — ER

****January's Sparrow*** by Patricia Polacco — In Marshall in 1847, slave takers came to take the Crosswhites back to Kentucky. This is the story of what happened on that day the whole town rose up to save the Crosswhites. — ER

****Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka*** by Jon Scieszka — Growing up in Flint with five brothers, Scieszka lived in a rambunctious household filled with pranks and boy adventures. — MG

The Legend of Mackinac Island by Kathy-jo Wargin and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — The story of the great turtle Makinaw who, helped by other animals, creates the special place known as Mackinac Island. — PB/ER

The Legend of the Petoskey Stone by Kathy-Jo Wargin and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — Petosegay, an Ottawa Indian chief, gave his name to the small town in northern Michigan— Petoskey and a unique stone can be found along its shores. — PB/ER

The Legend of Sleeping Bear by Kathy-jo Wargin and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — In an Ojibwa Indian tale, a mother bear loses sight of her two cubs as they try to swim across Lake Michigan to escape a forest fire. — PB/ER

Look and See with Me: Michigan by Kathy-jo Wargin and Ed Wargin — Photos of quaint, picturesque settings let young visitors travel the state of Michigan without leaving home. — PB

Mackinac Bridge: the Five Mile Poem by Gloria Whelan and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen — While their father will no longer make a living with his ferry, Mark and his brother are excited about the building of the bridge across the Straits of Mackinac in 1957. — ER

M is for Mitten: a Michigan Alphabet Book by Annie Appleford, Kathy-Jo Wargin and Michael Monroe — Visit Michigan through each letter of the alphabet, from "apple blossom" to "Detroit Zoo." — PB/ER

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis — When Mr. Chickee gives away a one quadrillion dollar bill, the adventure begins to find out if it is real for Steven and his Flint Future Detectives Club. — MG

Mail by the Pail by Colin Bergel and Mark Koenig — A girl learns how the birthday card she makes for her father will get to him as he works on a freighter on Lake Michigan. — PB/ER

Michigan Chillers Series by Johnathan Rand — Scary, thrilling stories to delight young readers set in the town next door. Series titles include:

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Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit
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